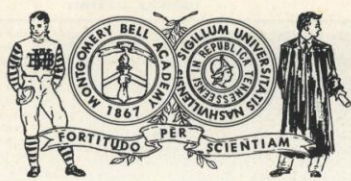


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## Smashing Production Of Glass Menagerie

One of the best dramatic productions that has ever been presented at MBA was performed before enthusiastic audiences last Friday and Saturday nights. The play, Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie*, was outstanding not only in the acting aspect but also in the superb quality of the set and the technical operations.

With the first opening of the curtain, an elaborate set, which took many hours to prepare quickly gained the attention of the audience and helped to create a mood that lasted for the next two hours. Tom, a poetic young man who was forced to be cruel, invited the audience to travel back with him to a dreary St. Louis, when "the huge middle class of America was matriculating from a school for the blind." He introduced us to Amanda, Laura, and Jim, and the tragic story that revolved around the unfortunate Wingfield family.

Norvell Rose, who played Tom Wingfield, created a very human character who yearned to be free of the bonds of his family, to find the adventurous world which he saw portrayed on the "silver screen." However, this world of the movies, though very real in Tom's mind, was not to be found—there was only "hot, swing music and liquor, bars, movies,

dance halls, and sex that hung in the gloom like a chandelier and flooded the world with brief, deceptive rainbows." No matter where he travelled, Tom could not erase the torturous memory of his abandoned mother and crippled sister. Peggy Davitt, a senior at Harpeth Hall, portrayed the unwittingly overbearing mother whose "glass menagerie" was the Old South, once numerous servants, and the seventeen gentleman callers that lived so vividly in her mind. In trying to assure "success and happiness" for her children, Amanda forced them into roles which they did not want to play and finally drove Tom to lead the life of the unhappy wanderer, attempting to find in motion what was lost in space. The excellent characterization of Amanda Wingfield will certainly live in many people's hearts for a long time.

So, too, will the delicate beauty of Laura remain in the memory of those who saw the play. Renee Pickens, an experienced actress from Hillwood High School, filled the role of the shy, frightened girl whose glass animals were as fragile as she was. The audience was given an expertly guided tour through the enchantingly beautiful world of the "brief



Norvell Rose panics on stage after forgetting lines.

but "deceptive" rainbow which held Laura's wistful gaze. The pot of gold, so to speak, at the end of Laura's rainbow was the gentleman caller, Jim O'Connor, played by Mike Regen. Mike filled his role with enthusiasm and life, imparting to the audience the true optimism and sensitivity with which Jim viewed life: "I may be disappointed but I'm not discouraged."

Jim Sugg and Fred Guttman were in charge of set production and did a superb job in this capacity. The lighting, which was the most intricate of any MBA production, was also under the direction of Jim Sugg. Bill Jewell, John Haggard, and Mark Shepard were in charge of sound. Dave Goetz, Craig Sargent, Jim Cannon, and John Thomas were also valuable contributors to the

great success of the play, which was long weeks in the making and involved many other workers.

Of course the list of credits does not end here, for the most important element in a play is the quality of the director, the man upon whose shoulders rests the most ponderous burden. Since

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## Dale Addresses Students on Vietnam

On Veteran's Day, the Hill was honored by the presence of Lewis Dale, an alumnus from the class of 1960. Having graduated from MBA, Lewis attended Princeton University, where he was president of the student body; he then spent one year studying law at Vanderbilt. In 1965, he joined the Marines, and after serving in Vietnam, left the Corps in 1968 with the rank of captain.

In keeping with the date of his address, Mr. Dale discussed the morality and necessity of the Vietnam war and the criticism thereof. Having strongly advocated national unity and support for the Vietnam war, he then presented his firm opposition to all draft-dodging and draft card burning by maintaining that the freedom of Vietnam is necessary for the halt of nuclear proliferation. He continued by indicating that Vietnam is a commitment to national stability and to the credibility of American promises: "The Southeast Asians, and especially the South Vietnamese, are worthy of our admiration and our support." Mr. Dale hinted that too much freedom is bad and that we cannot afford to be too liberal with the freedom of our country, as Sir Winston Churchill

said of the British and as the Southeast Asians declare of their own countries. He also commented on the criticism of the South Vietnamese government for undemocratic activities by referring to the parallel situation in our country during the Civil War, when President Lincoln waived



Former Marine captain speaks

the right of habeas corpus (the right of a person to be formally charged with a crime before being jailed) in order to combat the activities of Northerners who were sympathetic to the Confederate cause.

The economic importance of Vietnam, and more generally Southeast Asia, to the rest of the world was stressed by Mr. Dale, and he added that American businessmen foresee tremendous economic potential. All economic potential and importance is being threatened by Communist aggression, and in conclusion he reasoned that America must halt this aggression. Mr. Dale realized the unpopularity of the war, but then established that the United States is the one powerful nation that can stand up to this aggression, and that, as Lincoln said, "We are truly the last hope on earth. If we were to abdicate our responsibilities, what nation would take our place? There is none." Considering what would happen should there be no world leader today, one finds in Mr. Dale's speech a very strong argument in favor of continuing to honor and support our nation's commitments to world peace and stability.

Anyone who imagines that all fruits ripen at the same time as the strawberries, knows nothing about grapes.

Paracelsus

## B. M. O. C.

"I wasn't born yesterday," stated Mr. Carter frequently this year, and indeed he was not. In his thirteen years at this school, Francis E. Carter, Jr. has become for many a name synonymous with Montgomery Bell Academy. Mr. Carter has distinguished himself in the school and in the community as an efficient administrator, a dedicated educator, and an esteemed gentleman.

Born in Richmond, Mr. Carter spent his early years on the campus of the Episcopal School in Alexandria, Virginia where his father was an instructor for some forty years. He graduated from Episcopal in 1932 and subsequently enrolled at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

An outstanding member of the football and baseball squads at Episcopal, Mr. Carter continued his athletic career at Virginia. He was co-captain of the freshman football team, but, plagued by recurring injuries, was forced to abandon football for baseball, his favorite sport. During his three years on the baseball team, he was a dependable catcher for such great pitchers as Orlin Rogers, who later played for the Washington Senators. Chosen as captain of the 1936 squad, Mr. Carter was also honored as all-

Souther catcher. He later played with ex-Yankees Charlie Keller and Bud Metheny in the semi-pro Valley League on the east coast.

More importantly Mr. Carter did very well academically at Virginia and was on the Dean's List of Distinguished Students as a freshman. As his AP History will testify, Mr. Carter is quite a knowledgeable history teacher. Furthermore, he served as President of Chi Phi Fraternity at Virginia and in his senior year was President of the Interfraternity Council. He was also elected to Telika, an honorary fraternity much like Totomoi at MBA.

In 1936 Mr. Carter began his teaching and football coaching career at St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire. Moving in 1938 to the Gilman School, Baltimore Maryland, he remained there for 17 years, coaching two all school Maryland state championships (1940-41) and three other state private school titles (1946-48-50). During this period, he coached Redmond Finney who later became an all-American at Princeton in 1950. (Incidentally, Mr. Finney is now headmaster at Gilman School.)

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## ALUMNI PROVIDE COLLEGE PREVIEW

Taking advantage of the Thanksgiving holidays, many of last year's seniors have returned to the Hill filled with advice concerning their experiences in college. The following reports have come in from certain seniors.

Gordon Peerman and Steve Johnson are attending the University of Virginia, and both boys stated that they were extremely pleased with their college choice. MBA really prepared them, they said, and their excellent grades thus far reflect their good preparation. An Echols Scholar, Gordon has been allowed to enroll in a graduate history course and is in fact taking only one freshman subject, a mathematics course in probability. Both boys feel that there is a good relationship between the faculty and students and that most of the classes at Virginia are small enough that one does not feel lost. Only about 45 percent of the students now wear coats and ties,

which is something of a break with an old school tradition.

Bill Davenport, who is attending Davidson, said that he was pleased with Davidson's academic strength but that the social life, at least for freshmen, was a disappointment. He emphasized the importance of using one's time well in college and stated that the teachers no longer hover over the students to make sure the boys get their work done, a practice sometimes attributed to teachers at MBA. Bill used for an example a French course in which he is enrolled that has been taught in a very loose, relaxed manner. When the teacher finally gave a test, however, the students were shocked to learn how serious the man was, and their grades revealed their lassitude. (Bill, incidentally, has an A in the course.) The apparel at Davidson, as at most colleges, consists mainly of blue jeans, T-shirts, no shoes, and rather long

hair. This style of dressing should shock no one, however, as it is becoming more and more prevalent even on campuses that are considered rather conservative.

At the University of Tennessee our information was gathered from Mac Pirkle and Lee Steinhilber. Both boys stressed the difference in size between MBA's small classes and the frequently huge classes (300-400) at Tennessee. Although difficult, most of the courses so far are a mere rehash of the work done at MBA, especially in the field of theme writing and English. Unlike some of the high pressure colleges in the country today, UT still remains a place where the students are relaxed and where good times can be found without arduous efforts.

Last year's seniors attending Tulane include Tyler Apple, Gordon Maughan, and Tommy Barton. All three boys like the university, and one stated that it might be that much-sought "Vanderbilt away from home." Despite a low drinking age and the remarkable facilities of New Orleans, however, there is not quite as much partying at Tulane as might be expected. Furthermore, the dress at the school resembles that of Davidson, and as one MBA alumnus stated, "If you dress as you did at MBA, you would be considered very overdressed." In case all this discussion of appearance has sent a few parents scrambling for VU applications, don't bother; a quick walk through the Vandy bookstore will reveal that even our home town university has its

share of unkempt characters.

Several seniors had suggestions to make about MBA, and Howard Carmichael's statement that the students here receive too much aid on math homework was an opinion agreed upon by almost all. Howard stated that it is sometimes necessary in college to work four hours on a single problem and that the only way to get help was to search out the professor. Several students also suggested a longer continuance of study in Latin and a greater emphasis on history.

All of the boys of the Class of '69 agreed on one thing, though—they were extremely well prepared for college, and their teachers at MBA had done a great job. The only difficulties the students encountered pertained to such matters as drugs, a few roommates with a lack of character, and changes in dress. A few people might feel that MBA should drop its strict discipline standards, particularly those applying to dress and hair, because these rules are certainly not followed in college. In response to this change, Mr. Carter replied tersely, "The fact that some colleges have lowered their moral standards certainly doesn't mean that we have to."

## MILAM TRIO

An outstanding musical trio composed of Edwin Milam, John Haggard and Bill Harwood entertained the student body this year in one of the school's most enjoyable assembly programs. With Milam at the keys, Haggard on bass and Harwood on drums, this performance had great balance. Their repertoire this year included old and new, but the tone was definitely jazz. Among other numbers, the group did a Ramsey Lewis medley, and Edwin did a solo version of "More" by Henry Mancini.

Edwin's group, as well as playing private engagements, has played at the Spaghetti Supper; and Edwin himself has played for the chorus, for a Junior school play, at commencement, and in his own recitals. He has been lucky enough to work classical, chorus, combo, and contemporary fields and therefore serves with John Haggard as resident musician in the style of Paul Worley, Tommy Crain, Ekin Brown, and even Charlie Toobstake.

Although small groups at private engagements can make high wages per hour, the trio seems to play more for the enjoyment of it. Much of their music is either originally arranged or improvised, and it comes out with the polish one could expect from one of Mr. Colson's students and his Music City Trio. Unfortunately, the trio may be forced to take a breather when Milam begins practicing for an upcoming recital. We certainly, however, heard a performance by the trio which did them a great deal of credit, and will look forward to hearing them again in the near future.

Along with the loyal support of a board of trusts which has provided tremendous interest and financial support, Mr. Carter has accomplished the following changes: the addition of the new Patrick Wilson Library, Curry Gymnasium, Wallace Hall, and the science and language laboratories; the initiation of many honors programs, including the Advanced Placement Program, and also the starting of a chorus and art-appreciation course; a compulsory athletic program for all students and the beginning of three new sports, soccer, cross country, and wrestling; increased endowment; and increased interest and competition for entrance to MBA. All of these changes attest to Mr. Carter's progressive educational accomplishments, and the students at MBA owe him a great debt of thanks.

James Madison

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## Speakers Enlighten MBA Student Body

Mr. William Bedford recently spoke to the MBA student body about Hanover College. Mr. Bedford described Hanover as a small, liberal-arts college in Hanover, Indiana, with an enrollment of a little over a thousand. He said that Hanover has a unique system of education known as the Hanover Plan. According to their 1968-69 Bulletin, the goals of this plan are: "Insight into the nature of man, his cultural heritage and his world, penetration of significant depth into the powers of reasoning." Under this plan the school year is divided into two fourteen-week periods, constituting a progression of studies lasting until April. These two periods are followed by a five week period of independent study in which the student is on his own and opportunities for study abroad are offered. Many other colleges have recently instituted such a plan, though Hanover originated it.

Recently Mr. Dudley Fort, popularly called "Uncle Dudley," visited the M.B.A. campus. He came to share with students some of his colorful stories and deep interest in fox-hunting, steeplechases, travelling, and Shakespeare. Fortunately, Mr. Fort has taken time to record many of his experiences on film. Besides showing some excellent movies of local fox hunting (accompanied by a record costing nearly \$5,000), he also had slides of his recent ventures to Portugal and later to England. There he was royally treated during personal tours of the courtyard at Buckingham Palace and the Tower of London, and was made an honorary Bengal Lancer. As an ultimate compliment during Mr. Fort's trip to England, the Union Jack over Shakespeare's theatre at Stratford-on-Avon was replaced temporarily by the Stars and Stripes. Mr. Fort's talk was very exciting and informative and conveyed the diverse life of Nashville's own "Uncle Dudley."



Dr. Drowota

Dr. Frank Drowota, the pastor of Woodmont Christian Church, spoke to the MBA student body on November 26, the day before Thanksgiving. His speech was a warning that America is slowly losing touch with her past traditions and heritage. He told of the struggle of the settlers of Plymouth Colony as one of barrenness and severe hardship. According to Dr. Drowota, the Pilgrims were eventually rewarded; but he asked whether we today are still getting those same rewards or are we in these days of undeniable moral laxness and changing values going to pay a heavy price for our apathy and irresponsibility to America. Dr. Drowota succeeded in opening the student's eyes not only to the blessings of Thanksgiving but also to the necessity of preserving true meaning of this holiday.



Mr. Carter shows why he's BMOG.

## MBA Netters Score Upset Over Hillwood

MBA takes to the hardwood for the sixth year under Coach John Bennett. MBA has compiled a record of 55 wins and 45 losses during the last four seasons, which includes one district championship in 1966. The '69 edition of the Big Red promises to be one of the MBA's best as this year's team is picked fourth in the district.

This season's cagers are led by Captain Ed White and Alternate Captain John Gibson, both of whom have varsity experience. Kyle Young and Chip Grice have come up from last year's highly successful Junior Varsity. Sophomore Mike Regan has a promising future as do two other of his classmates, Bob Latimer and Fred Fisher. Others dressed to see action are seniors Ernest Matthews, Billy Webb, Jay Ramsey, and junior Bill Hickerson. Height is not likely to be a problem for MBA as Coach Bennett will probably go with Ed White (6'0") and Kyle Young (6'1") at guards, Mike Regan (6'3") and Chip Grice (6'0") at forwards, and John Gibson (6'4") at center.

With the new alignments, the district will be a tough one. Pearl with Porter Williams and crew, is picked at the top with

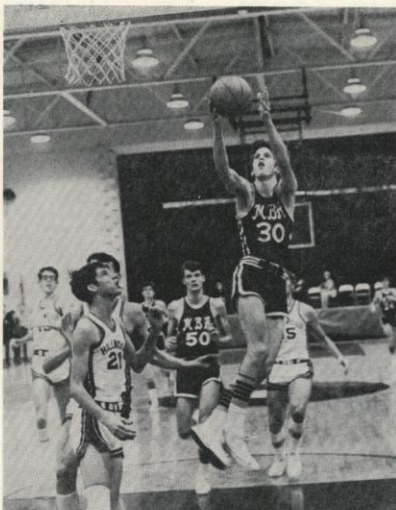
North not far behind. Following these two teams are defending district champion Hume-Fogg, MBA, Ryan, Cohn, Lipscomb, and Peabody.

The only apparent weakness in the Big Red attack is lack of experience. Ed White is the only returnee from the starting five of '68. Although Gibson has little varsity experience, he shows great promise with his quickness and jumping ability. Young, Grice and Regan have no previous varsity experience, but they have shown ability in popping the ball through the basket. The success of this team depends vital on the continuing improvement of the younger players, but it depends even more on the support of the student body. With good student backing, this team has the capabilities of upsetting such teams as Pearl, North and Hillwood.

Moving on to the basketball season, sports enthusiasts forecast a bright year for the cagers. MBA soundly defeated Overton and Two Rivers in its preseason contests. In the first scheduled game, the Big Red came from a fourteen point deficit to edge the Hillwood Toppers in overtime, 48-46. Against CMA, the Big Red once again started off slowly, but

finished in full stride with a 65-50 victory. Yes, it's obvious that MBA's basketball future looks auspicious. Coach Bennett is also

optimistic: he feels he has the best talent in basketball this year than in all his years at MBA.



Mike Regan leaves Hillwood defender defenseless.

## Track Highlights

On Tuesday, October 25th, the MBA cross country team, performing at Lipscomb, won its third meet. MBA won with 53 points against BGA with 55, and Ryan with 56. Out of a field of 50, three MBA harriers finished in the top ten: Clay Stephens 4th, Jamie Stifter 5th, and John Abernathy 9th.

The following Friday, the team nosed out Ryan for the fourth time in a row to win MBA's only home meet. The winner, Phelps of Franklin, established a new MBA course record of 10:25, but MBA won with 36 points, to Ryan's 37, and Franklin's 50. The first five runners all broke the old course record of 10:50. The top MBA finishers were Stephens, Stifter, and Abernathy, who were 4th, 5th, and 6th. Frank Purdy and Brock Stevenson were 9th and 12th respectively.

On the rainy afternoon of October 31, MBA soundly defeated Franklin on their own two mile course. MBA finished 6 runners in the first 10 places: Stephens 2nd, Abernathy 4th, Purdy 5th, Stevenson 7th, Steve Barkley 8th, and Al Marsh 9th.

This race completed the regular cross country season with MBA undefeated, having a 5-0-0 record. The fact that this was only MBA's third year to have a cross country team seemed to have been no hindrance for an excellent season.

The Microbe cross country team also ran in the regional meet on November 8. In a field of at least 120 runners, five of MBA's seven entries finished in the top 50. John Abernathy made the best showing with 29th place; Jamie Stifter finished 34th; Clay Stephens 39th; Frank Purdy 43rd; and Brock Stevenson 48th. Out of 16 Middle Tennessee schools, MBA finished 9th.

## Big Red Closes Gridiron Season

This year's football team was much better than its 2-8 season record would seem to indicate. The Big Red could have easily been 5-5 with wins in close contests against Overton, Springfield, and Ryan. Only a 51 yard touchdown run by Ryan prevented the Big Red from upsetting its traditional rival.

Two players—John Eason and Steve Burkhalter—received post-season honors for their sterling performances during the season. Eason made All-Western Division in one paper while Burkhalter made All-City in the other. On December 13 Burkhalter signed a grant-in-aid with Ole Miss and will hopefully begin a prosperous career at this Southeastern Conference school.

**Hillsboro 24, MBA 16**  
In a traditional clash between neighborhood rivals, MBA suffered a heartbreaking defeat to Hillsboro 24-16. Hillsboro scored on its initial drive and made the two point conversion. Hillsboro scored once again in the first half making the score 16-0. MBA controlled the game from this point with Doug Anderson scoring from 4 yards out, after which MBA completed the two point conversion, making the score 16-8 at half-time. Hillsboro made the first score of the second half, once again making the two point conversion. MBA dominated the rest of the game as Fred Fisher added 6 with a three yard touchdown run and passed to Ernie Leonard for two points, making the final score 24-16. MBA came close to scoring another touchdown, but time ran out. Outstanding performers were Steve Burkhalter, Fred Fisher, and John Eason.

### Springfield 6, MBA 0

On rain-soaked Frank Andrews Field, MBA suffered a disappointing loss to powerful Springfield. In a defensive battle MBA took charge of the first half, controlling field position over the Yellow Jackets with the half-time score 0-10. MBA once again dominated the second half play in a downpour as Bill Peerman made a sensational interception with a forty yard return, but the Big Red's scoring drive was stalled near the goal line. Springfield made the key plays late in the game with Ernest Dowlen scoring on an 18 yard run, making the score 6-0. This was a hard defeat for the Big Red, which dominated all the statistics except for the scoring.

### MBA 12, Glenciff 7

In their final home game of the season, the Big Red won a cliffhanger, 12-7; it was a nip and tuck battle all the way. MBA dominated the statistics with an overwhelming offensive effort, but in the fourth quarter, with six minutes left, the Big Red found themselves behind, 7-6. For five minutes the Big Red carried on a sustained eighty yard drive highlighted by several clutch third-down plays. With forty-seven seconds remaining in the contest, on fourth down and with the ball on the two, Doug Anderson plunged into the end zone.


The Big Red was led by John Eason, Fred Fisher, and Bill Summers on offense, with Steve Burkhalter and Clark Baker as the defensive standouts.

### Ryan 7, MBA 6


In their final game of the season, MBA fell to Ryan in a heart-breaker, 7-6. The Big Red scored

after pouncing on a Ryan fumble at the thirty-yard line. Bob Latimer scampered in from the eleven, but the extra point attempt failed. In the third quarter, Ryan tied the game with a five yard run by Joe Whitehead and converted on the PAT to go ahead, 7-6. As happened often this season, time ran out on the MBA gridders, and they lost this bitter struggle with their arch rivals.

Both teams were extremely hampered by the climate, as snow covered the field, and the temperature hovered around twenty degrees. The student support was excellent, considering the conditions. Those who came out were rewarded with a great all-round effort by the entire Big Red team, particularly John Eason, Bill Summers, and Bob Latimer.



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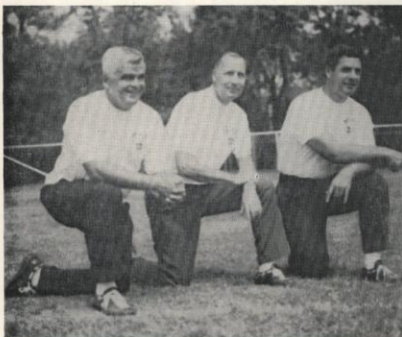


Wherever he goes, John Eason attracts a crowd.

## Workman and Collins Lead Wrestling Team

Despite being picked second and third in pre-season polls, this year's wrestling team, under the direction of John Riggins, appears to have the potential to be the best team in the city. Co-captains Dick Workman and Deaver Collins attribute this potential to the many returning lettermen, the excellent coaching, and the abundance of talent in all weight classes. The nucleus of the team will be composed of returning lettermen Workman, Collins, last year 4th in the city in his di-

vision, and Chip Hill as seniors; juniors Bill Oelrich, and sophomores Jim Hamilton, Tom Curtis, and Bill Knox, a high finisher in the city and region. In addition to these proven members, senior Steve Burkhalter, a member of the team as a sophomore, and junior Tad McWhirter are being counted on to strengthen the team. Other team members are seniors Bob Barrick, Clark Baker, and Reb Ferrell, junior Sam Rutherford, and freshman Ran Batson.



MBA coaches Rogers, Owen and Ridgeway.

## EXCELLENT COACHING GIVES FOOTBALL TEAM BRIGHT FUTURE

Since the cleats and helmets of football have been hung up and forgotten for another year, let us pause for a moment to express our gratitude to those dedicated, hard-working men who gave so freely of their time and effort to the making of the 1969 football team. Although this year's edition of the Big Red did not win the state championship, or bring heaps of praise from the sportswriters, Coaches Tommy Owen, Ray Ridgeway, and Jim Rogers did an outstanding job of helping a young, inexperienced team to improve.

Coches Owen, whose backfield ranks were thoroughly depleted by graduation last year, had to

make several shifts to put some size in the running attack, and came up with a consistent and hard-hitting backfield. Enough boys logged practical playing time this season to insure an experienced backfield next year.

Because of adjustments made in pre-season planning, Coach Ridgeway found himself deficient in returning starters from last year's ends (a grand total of one.) Experienced linebackers were almost non-existent and had a bad habit of becoming injured. However, the 1970 squad should have a solid linebacking unit, as this year's leading tackler and the best tackler, both return to the team.

### UNQUOTEABLE QUOTES

Riggins: "Who's that fat guy in the middle?"  
Wilson: "You've got the biggest legs I've ever seen."  
Mr. Bennett: "Bulldozer!"  
Sneed: "Why didn't they put the names of the real JV stars in the paper?"  
Regan: "I went to Burger Chef, but none of the Cohn guys showed up."  
Stiffer: "Hey, Floyd—Can the cheerleaders come to the cross country meet?"  
Burkhalter: "Me and Archie..."  
Webb: "Mr. Bennett, my 16-year-old aunt's sick in Birmingham."  
Compton: Don't worry boys, just because it's snowing is no reason to leave practice."

### FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

The scores of the freshman football games were as follows:  
MBA 0 Highland Heights 34  
MBA 6 Franklin 0  
MBA 0 Wright 30  
MBA 0 Apollo 30  
MBA 0 Ryan 14  
MBA 14 Cohn 0  
MBA 0 New Providence 38

Out of the freshmen's 2-5 record came two big victories over NIL schools. Along with these victories, the team suffered a heartbreaking loss, 14-0, to arch-rival Ryan. The coaches this year were again Mr. Condra and Mr. Tillman, who realize the potential of the freshmen in coming years. The captains for the team were Dudley Creighton and Bill Grand, who, along with Rice Pierce, Bill Wade, and Ken Grissom and the rest of the squad, should develop into fine varsity football players.

Finally, Coach Rogers had the tough problem of replacing almost all of the interior line, and creating a new "Fearsome Four-some." His progress was impeded to a degree when the favorite plaything of the linemen, The Chutes, began to break up.

Football, like any other sport, requires a great deal of hard work and devotion from both the team and the coaches. This year's team worked just as hard and as long as did past squads at M.B.A., and, although tagged with a poor season record, gained valuable experience for the future. In addition, our coaching staff, which is one of the finest (if not the finest) in the city, performed their duties exceptionally well in this lean year. And while the pressbox looks silently out upon a brown field streaked by almost imperceptible white lines, three men have visions of the 1970 Big Red rolling to another rewarding season.

As far as teaching young players the techniques of football, this year's junior varsity football season could not have been more successful. The coaches, John Riggins and Crawford Alexander, did a tremendous job of educating this group of sophomores and juniors in the fundamentals of the game. This knowledge along with the valuable game experience of the players should be enough to produce many who should help MBA football on the varsity level in the future. Although the record of this team was not overly impressive (2-2-2), the players not only enjoyed themselves but also learned a lot about football. There were many outstanding gridders on the team, particular Tee Zerfoss, Jim Regan, Bob Murphy, and Jimbo McKee.

### Opinion:

### Out of Focus

By RUSSELL BAKER  
from Student Weekly

Washington

As winter's long night descended we huddled around the television set and watched men who were slightly out of focus play football. Television in those days was almost always slightly out of focus. Nothing really worked well at that time; cars were always slightly out of tune and the telephone, when it rang at all, invariably rang at the wrong time and, even then, only to convey unpleasant news or to urge people to purchase real estate in Florida. There was a sense of planned decadence in the air.

Huddled around our television sets watching the football, we let the year die untended out beyond the tube's glow. Snug as hibernating bears were we, though the leaves fell in the rain and rotted, and in the dusk's early dark, vandals stole our jack-o'-lanterns from the steps and smashed them against the houses. Afterward the woodwork on the front of the houses would smell of pumpkin for days.

Inside, around our television sets, we were untouched by all that so long as there was football. The headaches, of course, were a nuisance. These resulted from staring so long at an object that was out of focus, but they were only a minor inconvenience, thanks to the great variety of aspirins available in those days. If there was one thing that America could produce superbly then, it was an aspirin tablet.

As autumn wore down into deep winter, the television set would begin to take on the smell of the locker room, a reek no doubt of all the locker rooms that had been projected through it during the post-game interviews. This odor, compounded of liniments perspiration-soaked socks and overheated television cameras, mingled with the odors of the viewing room—beer, cigarette smoke, spilled soup and half-eaten liverwurst sandwiches—to create what was called "end-of-year house smell."

How happy we were with the football! The house could have reeked of "end-of-year house smell" all year round for all we cared, so long as the football nev-

er stopped. Those small armored figures executing their beautiful brute's ballet brought us exultation and despair there in the warm darkness.

We grunted emphatically as tiny little monstrous "front fours" pranced about with civilized savagery. With mania's intensity we mastered a language as difficult as Sanskrit and when we talked to each other, which was not often, such was the totality of our concentration, it was in a gibberish about "post patterns," "clotheslining," "face-masking," "blind sides," "weak sides," "strong sides," "red dogs." Deliriums of expertise—we lived in them and, like strategic thinkers, sociologists and economists, knew the sweet comfort of talking an insider's tongue.

It did not matter that the aroma was slightly out of focus, so long as there was a game, or a pregame show, or a post-game wrapup, or a special on the history of football, or a scoreboard rundown, or an interview with the man who had executed the winning "red dog," or a taped rerun of a game we had seen eighty or ninety hours ago, or even a newscast clip of some football player who was resisting pressure to sell his saloon.

And then, periodically, the television would fail us. No football on Channel 9. No football on Channel 4. No football on any channel.

Someone would invariably rise stiffly in the darkness and hit the television set and ask, "What's happened to the thing?" And we would all close in around it and squeeze it and pound its tube, and someone would say, "If there's no football, it must be Tuesday."

Later, of course, there was always football, until the bubble burst, but in those early days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday seemed more than the spirit could bear. A few of us would go outside to watch the year die.

We would stand there in the unfamiliar external atmosphere and sneer at the lack of excitement and someone would invariably say, "The dying of the year is even slower than baseball." And someone else would invariably reply, "It would be better if there were a front four to break its back and get it over with."



Rifle team prepares for upcoming meet.—Newsweek.

### Rifle Team Begins Season

The 1970 M.B.A. Rifle Team has been chosen and consists of: Bill Van Cleave, Tom Cummings, Dick Koonce, David McKie, Kent Meadows, Charlie Morrison, Bill Oelrich, Tom Parrish, Frank Purdy, Norvell Rose, Sandy Sanders, Craig Sargent, Ed Stevens, Spence Sutton, and Robert Thomason. The team members have been divided into three inter-squad teams, to produce match conditions and a competitive spirit during practice. We feel that this year's team is truly a fine one, and we are looking forward to a successful and rewarding season.

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## EASY RIDER RECEIVES ACCLAIM

One of the most talked-about movies of the year is Peter Fonda's and Dennis Hopper's *Easy Rider*. This romantic ballad of the road has a direct appeal to youth. One is that the songs in the movie are played by several popular rock groups, namely The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Steppenwolf, The Band, and the Byrds. Another appeal is that the main characters, Captain America (Fonda) and Billy (Hopper), with their long hair and their casual use of drugs, represent an integral part of American youth. *Life* magazine says that the two main characters "are not seen as threats to the Establishment but as innocent individualists in desperate un-availing flight from the system."

However, Captain America and Billy are not as innocent as they seem, for the money they need for their cross-country odyssey is obtained by pushing dope. Nevertheless, the principal attraction of the movie is that the theme deals with the individual search for freedom, a search which is characteristic not only of youth but of all people. While Fonda says with confidence that the hippie commune will attain their goal of freedom from the affluent society, he also praises a middle-aged rancher for being

able "to do (his) own thing in (his) own time." The movie makes one realize that at some time we all dream of obtaining individual freedom in a promised land. The American impulse is to go to California, a promised land, with the hope that we can free ourselves of our former miseries and begin a new life amidst sunshine and grape vineyards. Fonda and Hopper portray this pursuit of happiness and security ironically by heading East from California. However, as we view the movie, we must ask ourselves if Wyatt, Billy and the rest of us really can obtain this freedom. Wyatt (also known as Captain America) and Billy reach the Mardi Gras, the destination of their trip, only to be terribly disappointed with their quest for freedom. Leaving the scene in New Orleans, Wyatt tells Billy, "We blew it, Billy. We blew it." The two roadrunning heroes realize that individual freedom and happiness is to be obtained nowhere in the country. People can talk of freedom, but they also can deride those who search for freedom when these searchers walk into a restaurant for a bite to eat. This loss of freedom and security is noted by George Hansen, the drunken lawyer, who tells Billy



Peter Fonda replaces Mr. Mitchell as local Hell's Angel.

that people hate Captain America and Billy because they represent freedom. George implies that individual freedom can no longer exist in this country because people cannot tolerate freedom, radically expressed by what the long hair and the motorcycles symbolize.

Where does one go to obtain individual freedom and happiness? Can city-bred kids obtain it on a commune in the mountains? Can many Americans find it by leaving the East for California? Can Captain America and Billy obtain it by leaving California for the East? It seems and Wyatt's and Billy's pursuit for this freedom and happiness is destroyed by unthinking brutal farmers. The quest for success and wealth is not the answer

either, for Billy and Wyatt do not find freedom and happiness by spending the money hidden in Wyatt's gas tank. There is no easy road that will lead us through deserts, mountains, and forests to the promised land where we can do "our own thing." Nevertheless, we must search for that promised land that lies down the open road. All through the movie, we hope that the two romantic heroes will find their promised land; and we should hope that we ourselves will find our "land of milk and honey." It is this hope for freedom and happiness that should make us realize that Wyatt's and Billy's striving to obtain their goal is of far more value than the goal itself.

## WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Mr. Bob Shuford, the assistant Director of Admissions at Williams College in Massachusetts, delivered a speech informative to the entire student body on the morning of December 8. After having mentioned that Williams, one of the most highly selective schools in the country since it accepts approximately one out of five applicants, is "going coed" this year, he went on to discuss his general views on college admissions.

Having been to college at Williams recently and being now on the admissions staff there, Mr. Shuford was able to deliver a very enlightening speech since he has worn the shoes, as it were, of both the college applicant and the college admitter. His first area of emphasis concerned the popular misconception which so often discolored the typical student's attitude toward colleges in general: namely, the concept of the college as a product on the market which the student, being the consumer, endeavors to get at the best price possible for the quality of the product involved. In other words, people shop for colleges as they would for a car. Mr. Shuford pointed out that this misconception may seem very fine but leaves the student, who is going to have to live with the environment and education he chooses for the rest of his life, entirely out of the picture. Having issued this timely warning to all these seniors to whom it might apply now, he advised underclassmen to take their own aspirations into account when choosing a college.

Mr. Shuford developed further two basic concepts which should be taken into consideration when choosing a college, the first being the "theory of incongruity." This theory states in brief that tension is based on incongruity—the newness of a situation—that newness or change lead to learning, and that the newer the environment one enters in college, the more one will learn at that school. He concluded that a student, say, from MBA, would have a more meaningful experience at a college in a distant section of the country since he would be exposed to new types of people and to new ideas.

The second theory discussed was the "rule of accentuation," which says a person tends to conform to a group. In other words, if a majority of students at a certain college go on to graduate school, a given individual will tend to repeat this pattern. Thus, he concluded, a student should consider what the majority of the students in a college accomplish both during and after college in determining where to go to suit his particular interests. All of Mr. Shuford's good discussions, though perhaps hindsight for many of the seniors, should be very useful points for the rest of the student body when they choose a college in the following years.

## CLASS NEWS SLASH PAINLESS

There have been several interesting events concerning the senior class lately, most of which (due to space limitations, of course) cannot be printed here. However, to satisfy your thirst for enlightenment, here are a few which we have deemed safe for your mental well-being. "Captain Steve," the renowned sage of the Honor Room, appeared on television recently concerning his football scholarship to Ole Miss. Captain gave his thoughts on football and the human condition, emphasizing that "good grades do count."

In November, we were graced with the rare phenomenon of a truly risible senior speech. Mike Regan presented a contemporary interpretation of one of Aeschylus' fables, using such comic art that even those who understood the moral laughed.

A special commendation goes to Assistant Fire Marshall James J. Callaway for his superb work in the recent fire drill. In the face of emergency, in which panic would have meant disaster, Jim radiated an atmosphere of calm which kept students under control throughout the drill.

During Thanksgiving, numerous graduates of the class of '69 visited M.B.A. and regaled us with their tales of college life and reports of widespread college immorality concerning dress and hair. Among the visitors were Steve Johnson, Bill Davenport, and some other degenerate, long-haired alumni.

## HARDING ROAD BARBER SHOP

"Boys Are Our Specialty"

Mr. Rule: "Some yokel busted my ruler."  
Mr. Carter: "Too many hamburgers over the week-end, Chief?"  
Mr. Higgins: "I'm not saying that if you don't get to the wrestling matches, your history average will drop—how-ever . . ."  
Cummings: "Pull my finger."  
Regan: "Hi there, opera lovers!"  
Workman: "Blair, I could pin you in five seconds."  
Sugg: "We don't use an ink well. We use it badly."  
Earthman: "Hamlet who?"  
Curley: "I hope she can cook."  
All: "Hey, buddy."

## Seventh Grade News

After the first six weeks of school, the following boys were elected as class officers of 7B:

President: Morgan Crawford  
Vice-President: Johnny Parker  
Secretary-Treasurer: Glen Clivits

Thanks to Mrs. Fryer and 7B's librarians, Ward Rogers and Hayne Hamilton, 7B has updated its library files, and many new and interesting books are in its homeroom library. All seventh grade sections are invited to share these books with 7B.

The seventh graders very much enjoyed a biographical and historical film about Sam Davis in the audio-visual room of the library.

Class officers elected to represent 7A for the year 1969-70 are: President: Greg Nelson  
Vice-President: Bobby Parrish  
Secretary-Treasurer: Scott Wells

7N had its elections this six weeks. In the race for president, Hugh Entekin defeated Phil Ownbey. In the race for Vice-President, Moe Hill defeated Phil Ownbey. Phil finally won the race for secretary-treasurer as he defeated Scott Summers by one vote.

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MBA rowdies jostle Hillsboro player.

## Eighth Grade News

Who would have ever thought that MBA themes would provide trouble for teachers? For students certainly, but for teachers? Eighth graders have taken advantage of staples, paper clips, and rubber bands by aiming them at fellow students and grinding them into the rugs. Consequently, such items have been banned, except on theme days.

Have eighth graders done nothing better than sprinkle paper clips on the floor? Yes. Mrs. Carter's ancient history class led a valiant psychological war against Hillsboro High School by means of posters relating ancient history to the MBA-Hillsboro varsity football game (and that

produced some strange posters!) An effigy of a Hillsboro High School player was knocked around assembly, and this truly heightened school spirit for the game.

At far as eighth grade politics goes, Bill Scales, Reed Trickett, and David Wells were elected presidents of their respective home rooms. Also, David Wells was elected Honor Council Representative and Buddy Jamison, Student Council Representative. So the eighth grade with new leadership and new spirit has gotten off to a good start this year.

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Ramsey and Gibson catch water from the leak in the roof.

## Soul Brothers Number One and Two

"I was brought up on a side street.  
I learned how to love before I could eat.  
And when I start lovin',  
Oh, I can't stop.  
I'm a soul man!"

These verses of "Soul Man" by Sam and Dave bring to mind MBA's own double dynamite, Perry (John) Gibson and Godfrey (Jay) Ramsey.

John Gibson, widely known as "Perry," "Long bod-," and "Monkey," has attended MBA since the 7th grade, having come from Woodmont School. Perry excels in student government, having held the offices of vice-president of the 10th grade, secretary of the 11th grade, and treasurer of the 12th grade. In the field of organizations he is a member of the FCA, the Big Red Club, Service Club, and Senior Honor Society. He is editor of the classes staff of the *Bell* and a member of the features staff of the *Bell Ringer*. In scholarship, John is the recipient of Biology, Latin and English Medals and a National Merit Letter of Commendation. One of John's main fortes is his athletic ability, shown in his excellence for four years in basketball and in track. In his escapades on the B-ball court, he has confronted the famous "Porter Williams grimace," Cameron's terrifyingly tubby Chester Criswell, and Nabretta Cornfield. In addition Perry is chaplain of Delta Sigma and attends Woodmont Christian Church.

The other half of this dynamic duo is Jay Ramsey, known as "Godfrey," "Chimp," and the "Candyman." Jay has attended MBA since the 7th grade, having come from H. G. Hill. He has distinguished himself as a class leader, holding the offices of secretary of the 7th grade and also the 8th, vice-president of the 9th, and Honor Council representative of the 10th, 11th, and the 12th grades, climaxing in

his position this year as secretary of the Honor Council. He is a member of the FCA, the Big Red Club, and the Service Club, of which he is the treasurer. In publications he skillfully serves as Sports Staff editor of the *Bell*. Jay has received scholastic awards including Math, French, and Latin medals. Godfrey, the "Flea," is proficient in football, basketball, and baseball, all on a varsity level. Outside of school he is plegemaster of Delta Sigma, a member of Woodmont Christian Church, and a great favorite of the Shoney's waitresses, due to his famous Dracula impersonation.

However, this double-dynamite duo cannot be simply divided and analyzed; together their soulfulness defies description. Their names result from their admiration of Perry Wallace and Godfrey Dillard during the "skin-giving" days under the "Rollin' Ray" Ridgway in JV basketball. Both Godfrey and Perry are often seen together betting with soul brother Felix Brown on upcoming games, digging the Soul Company LTD on summer Sundays in Hadley Park, or talking to Hazel at the desk of the Ray House. Both are seen doubling to the drive-in, only to have their dates attracted to the swings and slides there. When in a soulful mood, they will go jiving around, doing the "knock-kneed Backup" or the "Larry Birdsong," while dressed in their matching sparkle suits, courtesy of York's Men Store in the Arcade.

In summary of these two great personalities, Sam and Dave again suffice when they sing, "Got what I got through hard work.  
And I'll make it better each and every day.  
So listen honey, don't you fret 'Cause you ain't seen nothing yet.  
I'm a soul man!"

## Young Blood On The Hill

We are honored to have as teacher of the month Mr. Tom Young, one of the "new breed" of teachers forming a part of our excellent faculty on the hill. Mr. Young was born in Oxford, Mississippi, and upon moving to Nashville, attended Hillsboro High School to complete his secondary school education. He then attended Vanderbilt University for four years while completing the requirements for his Bachelor of Arts degree. Mr. Young decided to initiate his teaching career at MBA; therefore, he now holds the esteemed responsibility of educating our sophomores in the finer arts of the English language.

When asked why he chose to teach at MBA, Mr. Young cited several reasons for his decision: (1) to gain valuable experience at a well-established preparatory

Young adds that since the boys are more capable than those of the other schools and are generally willing to learn, his job of teaching is made easier. He also praises the school's outstanding athletic program with its fine, experienced coaches, and excellent facilities.

Mr. Young's outside interests include music, sports, and reading. He considers himself "a general athletics man" (not to be confused with our G.A.) and has already proved himself to be a worthy coach of basketball, volleyball, and condition-running. In reference to reading, Mr. Young's favorite authors include Donald Hamilton, Graham Greene, John Updike, and Bob Teitlebaum.

Tom Young is truly one of the most well-liked new teachers on campus. Because of his "young" age, he often serves as a bridge between the older faculty members and the student body. The editors of the *Bell Ringer* are therefore proud to salute this likeable and respected addition to this year's faculty.



Mr. Young lives up to his name as he reverts to childhood.

school, (2) to improve his position in regard to future military service, and (3) to get out of college. In discussing the problems of a "neophyte" to the teaching profession, Mr. Young reveals, "I find it difficult to adjust to the other half of the learning-teaching relationship. It's a different type of experience to teach rather than to learn."

Having now taught at MBA for a little over three months, Mr. Young concludes that the school is not a true representation of the typical high school because of two factors: one is the fact that students are chosen on a selective basis; the other is the obvious lack of the co-educational system—"a disadvantage," Tom explains, "because this is an abnormal situation." Desiring not to appear too critical of the school's policies, Mr.

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## The Belle

Famous for her "joie de vivre" and her "joie de manger," Cathy Leinart is serving as this issue's belle. An MBA cheerleader for the past two years, Cathy (often seen in her blue Camaro) has become one of the more familiar sights on the MBA campus. Not to be confused with her younger sister, Linda, Cathy is five feet two inches tall and has blue eyes and blond hair. Although always appearing carefree and happy, she can be very serious on subjects such as school, parents, and life.

At St. Cecilia, Cathy was the vice-president of her junior class and this year is serving as president of the student body. Her athletic prowess is demonstrated in the fact that she plays on both the volleyball and basketball teams, and her ability in the latter sport might be conjectured to equal that of our MBA Service Club President, her frequent date and also a participant on a basketball team.

Outside of school Cathy has also distinguished herself in her activities. She is the chaplain of the SAP club and in addition to her cheerleading duties served as a homecoming attendant this year. Her favorite pastimes include eating, water skiing, and popcorn.

In a boy, Cathy says she looks for consideration, sincerity, and a good personality. "I could care less how much money someone has," she says. "I take people for what they are, not what they wear or what they look like." However, she does want her date to have enough money to take her to get a caramel rocky road ice cream cone. On a date, Cathy likes walking on a beach, telling ghost stories, and sitting around a fire on a dark campout. However, because there are no beaches around Nashville and because ghost stories and campouts are few and far between, Cathy says that she will settle for a good G or M rated flick. At the present, Cathy hopes to attend either the University of Georgia or Stephens College, but, wherever she decides to go, we know that Cathy's sparkling personality will always bring her success.

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